Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, Fetal Alcohol Syndrome is recognized as the leading known cause of mental retardation in the western world; and,

WHEREAS, The incidence of Fetal Alcohol Syndrome is estimated at two per 1,000 live births, and considered to be one of the most frequently occurring birth defects; and,

WHEREAS, Fetal Alcohol Syndrome is not curable, but is one hundred percent preventable; and,

WHEREAS, The burden for controlling Fetal Alcohol Syndrome lies not only with the parents, but in the education of the family and community about the effects of alcohol consumption during pregnancy:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE S. MICKELSON, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim the week of May 8 through 14, 1988, as

FETAL ALCOHOL SYNDROME WEEK

in South Dakota.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-Third Day of March, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Eight

GEORGE S. MICKELSON, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

JOYCE HAZELTINE, SECRETARY OF STATE